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## **Police Department Conducts "Trapdoor" Operation**

Riverside, CA – On October 27 and October 28, 2017, the Riverside Police Department's Vice Unit along with agents from the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) conducted a "Trapdoor" operation at various On-sale ABC licensed premises in the downtown entertainment district in the City of Riverside.

The "Trapdoor" operation is designed to target persons under the age of 21 years old that use false or fake identification in an attempt to gain access to night clubs and bars. Law Enforcement Officials and retailers report that the use of false identification cards contributes significantly to underage alcohol access. "False" or "Fake" identification includes counterfeit or altered identification cards, as well as, genuine identification cards that are borrowed from another person. The primary goal is to reduce underage consumption of, and access to, alcohol by arresting minors who possess false ID.

The operation focused on eight locations along University Ave. Officers inspected over 100 identification cards during the two nights of the operation. Five subjects under the age of 21 were cited for being in possession of a false ID, which is a misdemeanor. The penalty for a subject under the age of 21 being in possession of a false ID is a minimum \$250 fine and 24 hours of community service. Funding for this program was provided by a grant from the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) through the department's Grant Assistance Program.

